

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 17, 19, 21-26, 28-34, 36-42, 44-50 and 52-64 are pending in this application.

**Double Patenting Rejections**

Claims 17-19, 21-26, 28-34, 36-42, 44-50 and 52-64 are provisionally rejected on the ground on nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21 and 22 of copending Application No. 10/810,823.

Applicants acknowledge this *provisional* rejection, and are in the process of preparing a terminal disclaimer to be filed in this case as well as pending Application No. 10/810,823. Accordingly, the terminal disclaimer will be filed shortly to remove the provisional nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of each of claims pending in this application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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